

## House Resolution 142

By: Representatives Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup> and Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Clark Atlanta University for its outstanding achievements and recognizing  
2 February 1, 2017, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University was founded in 1988 after the consolidation of Atlanta  
4 University and Clark College, and now includes four colleges which offer 38 degree  
5 programs; and

6 WHEREAS, approximately 4,000 students attend this distinguished university each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is renowned for its Mass Media Arts program and has  
8 produced incredibly talented individuals such as Sheldon "Spike" Lee, Nnegest Likke, Jacque  
9 Reed, and Eva Marcille; and

10 WHEREAS, this institution produces Jazz 91.9 FM-WCLK, the only jazz radio station in  
11 Metro Atlanta; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the only Historically Black Colleges and Universities member of the  
13 Georgia Research Alliance and is home to the Center for Functional Nanoscale Materials,  
14 the Center for Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation, the Center for Biomedical and  
15 Bimolecular Research, and the Center for Cyberspace and Information Assurance, serving  
16 as evidence that Clark Atlanta University has made great strides in the areas of science and  
17 technology; and

18 WHEREAS, the perseverance and hard work of the dedicated science department faculty and  
19 students have resulted in five patents and patents pending for prostate cancer research, Clark  
20 Atlanta University being the largest academic prostate cancer research center in the country;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, CAU is also the only private, historically black college to host a chapter of Phi  
23 Kappa Phi, the nation's most distinguished honor society for all disciplines, the Golden Key  
24 International Honor Society, the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor  
25 Society; and

26 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University not only serves as a haven for research and  
27 knowledge, but it also prioritizes public service by encouraging its students and faculty to  
28 volunteer for local, nonprofit organizations; and

29 WHEREAS, this university supports local educational systems such as Fulton, DeKalb,  
30 Cobb, and Rockdale, but also extends its service outside state boundaries by addressing  
31 critical issues through peaceful, educational means in places like Ferguson, Missouri, and  
32 Charleston, South Carolina; and

33 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University has produced some of the brightest and most astute  
34 graduates in the United States, including Marva Collins, Kenny Leon, Ralph David  
35 Abernathy, and State Senators Horacena Tate and Vincent Fort; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this university to be praised for its vital  
37 contributions to the State of Georgia and the United States.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
39 the members of this body commend Clark Atlanta University, its staff, students, alumni, and  
40 president, Dr. Ronald A. Johnson for their many years of exemplary devotion to higher  
41 education and recognize February 1, 2017, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state  
42 capitol.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Clark  
45 Atlanta University and Dr. Ronald A. Johnson.